

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: AUGUST 6, 2008

SUBJECT:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS PORTION OF THE AGENDA MUST BE LIMITED TO MATTERS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL. NO SUBJECT MAY BE ACTED UPON BY THE CITY COUNCIL UNLESS THAT SUBJECT IS ON THE AGENDA AND IS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION. IF YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, COME TO THE PODIUM AND GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. THE AMOUNT OF DISCUSSION ON ANY SINGLE SUBJECT, AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT OF TIME ANY SINGLE SPEAKER IS ALLOWED, MAY BE LIMITED

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION

Submitted after Meeting – Brochure, bulletins and printed comments by Doris Clark and Correspondence by Laurence T. Inkatha

Minutes:

DOROTHY BARNES, Las Vegas resident, once again spoke on what she believed to be illegal programs and individuals continuing to use her distress signal. She also noted that she was not allowed to stay on Shade Tree property and was put out in the cold. Human dignity is being taken away.

BEATRICE TURNER, West Las Vegas resident, expressed her ongoing concerns with revitalizing Ward 5. She believed everyone should be accountable for the upkeep of their churches. She agreed that the old downtown post office should have the "mob" referenced in its name, as it will entice tourists to visit it. The mob played a part in the community, creating more businesses and jobs which were available for the citizens. In addition, she would like to see additional monies in place for enhancing the proclaimed historical landmark, Woodlawn Cemetery.

RASHAN JOSHUA COLLINS, homeless activist, spoke on behalf of prisoners being underfed and abused as well as the overcrowding in jails. He asked if anything is being done to address the issue. Sin should not be promoted and the Nevada Revised Statutes should be upheld. MR. COLLINS encouraged everyone to turn away from sin.

DORIS CLARK, 6633 Coastal Breeze Court, submitted information and read her comments regarding the upcoming Centennial celebration. She pointed out that for the past five years, crime, graffiti and gangs have increased and more needs to be done. She noted her past experience with a clean-up/beautification program in a different city, whereby the efforts created a positive and big success. MAYOR GOODMAN suggested CITY MANAGER DOUG SELBY direct MS. CLARK to get in contact with Neighborhood Services staff. MS. CLARK stressed the fact that the youth need to become more involved and not spend idle time getting into trouble.

COUNCILMAN BARLOW informed MS. CLARK that a bill is coming forward to address harsher penalties and fines as it relates to graffiti.

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COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN agreed with MS. CLARK'S comments and added that some measures are being taken to address these issues. The Councilwoman and COUNCILMAN ROSS asked for MS. CLARK'S contact information.

LAWRENCE T. McARTHUR provided the Council with information about the I Am Youth program and read his comments for the record. He asked to meet with staff from Business Licensing to obtain proper street permits for soliciting. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN noted that her office receives calls on a regular basis regarding citizens expressing the danger involved in street soliciting and their opposition to individuals walking up to their cars.

RICHARD ALLEN of Las Vegas thanked staff for helping him and for the services the City provides its citizens. COUNCILWOMAN TARKANIAN stated it was great to end the afternoon on a positive note.

TEDDY RUSSELL, Las Vegas citizen, believed the United States is a republic constitution and commented on life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. He mentioned an upcoming black-tie affair for Judge and Mrs. George on November 8th and 9th, which will benefit Opportunity Village. Citing a previous disturbance on Fremont Street Experience, MR. RUSSELL believed it was unacceptable to pose criminal lawsuits against Metro, the City of Las Vegas and the Fremont Street Experience.

Meeting adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

